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SUBJECT: NETO COMMENTS ON CUBAN WITHDRAWAL FROM ANGOLA

1. WE DRAW ADDRESSEES' ATTENTION TO ALLEGED
"EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW" GIVEN BY NETO TO

ALGERIAN-SUBSIDIZED MAGAZINE, AFRIQUE-ASIE, AND
PUBLISHED IN 12-25 JULY ISSUE.

2. WE PARTICULARLY NOTE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE ON
CUBAN TROOPS:

AFRIQUE ASIE: "THE VERY INDIRECT ANNOUNCEMENT OF
AN EVENTUAL WITHDRAWAL OF CUBAN SOLDIERS HAS EXCITED
COMMENT AND SPECULATION OF ALL SORTS. WHAT IS THE
REALITY IN THIS REGARD?"

NETO: "THE NEWS" OF THAT WITHDRAWAL WAS LAUNCHED
IN SUCH A WAY AS TO LET PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT ANGOLA WAS
COMPLETELY OUTSIDE THE QUESTION, THAT OTHERS WERE TAKING
THE DECISIONS IN ITS PLACE. THEY TRIED TO GIVE THE IDEA
THAT IT WAS CUBA OR SWEDEN OR THE UNITED STATES
WHICH RESOLVED THE PROBLEMS OF ANGOLA, NOT THE
ANGOLANS.... WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A PRECISE PLAN
OF ACTION. IT IS EVIDENT THAT WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS

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THROWN OUT OF ANGOLA, THE ZAIRIANS DEFEATED, AND

UNITA AND FNLA CONQUERED, IT WAS NO LONGER NECESSARY
TO RETAIN IN ANGOLA MEN WHO ARE USEFUL FOR THE DEVEL-
OPMENT OF THEIR COUNTRY, BEYOND THOSE REQUIRED FOR
SELF-DEFENSE.... THEY WILL RETURN TO THEIR OWN
COUNTRY WHEN WE NO LONGER NEED THEIR AID. WHEN?...
WE WILL NO LONGER NEED OUR CUBAN COMRADES WHEN OUR
ARMED FORCES HAVE MASTERED MODERN MILITARY TECHNIQUES,
AND WHEN OUR FAPLA HAS ASSIMILATED THE TECHNOLOGY OF
SOPHISTICATED ARMS AND 20TH CENTURY WARFARE....
NATURALLY, TIME IS NECESSARY FOR ALL THAT....
WE CANNOT, I BELIEVE, COUNT ON THE US TO HELP US
TRAIN OUR CADRE , NOR ON FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN, NOR THE
OTHER CAPITALISTS COUNTRIES. DURING OUR LONG BATTLE,
IT WAS THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHO WERE AT OUR SIDE,
AND AS FOR US, WE WILL REMAIN ALWAYS WITH THEM."
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